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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

Case Number: A-04110066

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We received an allegation that the subject, a co-PI¹ on an NSF proposal,² requested 1.00 months of summer salary for each of 3 consecutive years which he should not have done because he was employed on a 12-month contract by a state Museum³. The subject's Biosketch in the NSF proposal listed two employers - the Museum and the institution from which the proposal was received, a College. However, there was no explanation in the proposal concerning the request for the summer salary related to these two separate employment situations. Because we could not determine the subject's employment status with either of these employers was, we contacted him.

The subject informed us that he was a 12-month calendar employee at the Museum. Further, he explained that he worked part time at the College, an arrangement made through the state. The NSF policy states that for PIs that receive compensation based on a 12-month calendar year, "salary is defined in calendar months. For such persons, the concept of summer salary is normally inappropriate under an NSF grant."⁴ The PI did nothing wrong in requesting the summer salary. When NSF proposals, such as this one, are considered for funding, program officers typically evaluate the appropriateness of requests for summer salary prior to recommending the proposals for funding.

This case is closed and no further action will be taken.

¹ Dr. _____, the subject, is
as well as a faculty member at _____

² NSF proposal _____, entitled "
_____ was submitted by _____

_____, PI, and the subject, both at the

Department of _____
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⁴ NSF Manual #10 Chapter VI, E(1)(b)(3).